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The winning team from Woodland Primary school

Four-in-a-row swimming titles for Woodland Primary School

YOUNGSTERS from Woodland Primary in Skelmersdale have won the Town Swimming Gala for the fourth year running.

A total of 11 children from the Heathgate school were involved in the team which won the event.

Vicky Beeley, from the school, said: "The team's success is due to their hard work and determination.

"For two months, the children have been training to improve their technique to cut seconds off their time.

"They are a credit to our school and we are so proud of them.

KNIFE CRIME TARGETED IN POLICE CRACKDOWN

Stop/search patrols in town aim to halt rise in use of weapons

POLICE have been running a number of operations and made arrests in a bid to crackdown on knife crime in Skelmersdale.

During the last six months there has been a rise in offences involving weapons in the town with victims in some cases needing hospital treatment.

The police's South Target Team were in Skelmersdale last week to target knife crime. They will continue to conduct patrols in the coming weeks and anyone found in possession of offensive weapons will be 'dealt with robustly'.

While working in Old Skelmersdale at the beginning of last week officers from the team stopped and searched and subsequently arrested a 16-year-old boy for possession of an offensive weapon, criminal damage and resisting arrest.

A spokesperson for Skelmersdale Police said on their social media account: "A mixture of uniformed and plain clothes officers from the South Target Team is dedicated to targeting emerging threats, organised crime and issues affecting local communities.

Report by **Henry James**

"We rely on your assistance and intelligence, so please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or 101 to report any concerns."

Target Team Officers, who are part of Operation Fleece, also stop/searched a 46-year-old man on The High Street. During the search a quantity of Class A drugs were found. The man was arrested for possession with intent to supply. He has since been released under investigation.

The Skelmersdale Police spokesperson added: "Operation Fleece is our response to tackle the rise in reported incidents involving weapons, specifically knives. Target team officers will continue to patrol in and around Skelmersdale conducting stop/searches where necessary. Anyone found in possession of illegal items will be arrested."

The Champion reported a number of knife related incidents at the end of last year. In November, a man was attacked with a knife on The Winsters and sustained wounds to his knee, arm and torso. He had to be taken to Aintree hospital for treatment. Earlier that month a 16-year-old was threatened with a knife and had his moped stolen.

At the time, Inspector Adrian Jolly sought to allay fears and commented: "The public should be reassured that although any violent offence is intolerable, offences involving weapons remain at a low level, although they understandably attract much attention."

West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper has had meetings with the Justice Secretary and Policing Minister to discuss the increase in knife and violent crimes.

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Sweet talk at U3A group meeting

FORMER chef, Andrew Thwaite will give a talk entitled *From Bean to Bar - My Life in Chocolate* at the next meeting of the Aughton and Ormskirk branch of the University of the Third Age (U3A) on Thursday, February 7.

This will be at Christ Church, Long Lane, Aughton, starting at 10.30am.

Meetings are open to all and non-U3A members are welcome.

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Search for Adam ends in tragedy after body found in Ribble Estuary

by **Danielle Thompson**

Tributes left for Adam (left) at the RSPB car park in Marshside this week

THE search for missing Adam Seaton came to a heart-breaking end following the discovery of a body in the Ribble Estuary - almost six months after he vanished.

Edge Hill University student Adam disappeared from his Southport home on Thursday, August 9 but a police statement issued last Friday - one week after the body of a man was found by a dog walker - confirmed everyone's worst fears that, tragically, it was Adam.

The search for Adam, who was 19 when he was reported missing, initially centred on the Sefton coastline after his family spotted his car, a red Ford Fiesta, parked at the RSPB Nature Reserve.

It is thought Adam was at the site preparing to undertake some fieldwork for his geography course at Edge Hill.

But despite the efforts of teams of local volunteers, police search units and the RNLI, extensive searches of the marshland failed to locate him.

Adam's body was discovered on Friday, January 18 and Merseyside Police confirmed it was him on Friday, January 25 saying there is nothing to suggest anything suspicious surrounding his death and the matter has now been referred to the coroner.

Adam's devastated family were informed following a post-mortem examination which took place on Friday and have asked for their privacy to be respected at this 'very difficult time'.

Just days before Adam's body was found, the Champion spoke to his desperate family, mum Karen, dad Andy and sister Helen.

They had agreed to be interviewed in an attempt to keep Adam's disappearance in the news and spoke at length of how they still held out hope he would be found and were desperate for answers.

They said Adam may have ventured to the area that day to look at the ecosystem as he had outlined plans to study the marshes in his third year at uni, which was due to start in September.

Adam was just days away from his 20th birthday when he vanished

His parents told the Champion they were 'extremely grateful' to the community in and around Southport, Formby, Ormskirk and across the North West for their support and for keeping the spotlight on the search for information.

An Edge Hill University spokesperson said: "The University offers its sincere condolences to Adam's family and friends and we will continue to do everything we can to help and provide support during this difficult time."

Following news of Adam's death, floral tributes were placed at Marshside RSPB car park.

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The image of the team at Direct365

Skem firm is helping keep people safe in workplace

SKELMERSDALE-BASED Direct365, an online provider of workplace products and services, has launched a range of first aid courses to help businesses tackle workplace health and safety.

The company has worked in partnership with the Red Cross to expand its training course offering and all new first aid courses will train participants in the use of automated external defibrillators (AED) as well as everyday first aid training.

The courses will teach learners how to recognise and respond to accidents and medical conditions which will keep people safe in the workplace as the Health and Safety Executive recently announced that there were over 626,000 fatal and non-fatal injuries last year.

Guidelines recommend that companies with five to 50 employees need at least one person trained in basic first aid. There should be another first aider for every additional 50 workers after that.

Direct365 has four new first aid courses which will provide participants with a qualification valid for three years.

Kathryn Skinner, managing director at Direct365, said: "The importance of safety at work is imperative and we want to ensure that local businesses have a trained first aider. First aid training helps save lives and also prevents minor accidents and illnesses, saving time and money from working days lost."

MP Cooper outlines her views on Brexit to PM - but 'fails' to explain them to her constituents

Report by **Henry James**

THE borough's Labour MP, Rosie Cooper, has met with the Prime Minister to outline her views on Brexit.

She revealed to the Champion that she had made her own position and that of her constituents 'clear' to Theresa May.

West Lancashire voted to leave but concerned residents have contacted the Champion commenting that their MP has failed to explain her position on Brexit to them!

Barrie French from Ormskirk wrote: "As with many residents of West Lancashire, I have watched the Brexit debates in Parliament.

"Whatever your viewpoint is, it is good to hear MPs actively taking their responsibilities seriously, and having open meetings with their constituents to get their views.

"Have I missed any open meetings our MP has had?

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper

"Has our MP spoken in any debate?

"What are her views on no deal?

"What are her views on Article 50?

"What are her views on a People's Vote?

"As we have not heard from our MP with a press statement, is our MP talking to a select few and not the many?

"I have set my concerns to our MP, but I haven't had a response."

The Champion contacted Ms Cooper with the concerns expressed by readers.

She responded: "The Brexit deal votes have not yet concluded, there is still some way to go before this issue is resolved.

"I have met with the Prime Minister and made my views and that of my constituents clear, West Lancashire voted to leave, but they did not vote to be worse off, and the Prime Minister must bring a better deal to the floor of the House.

"Everyone will be aware from the procedures being followed in Parliament, that we are not at a point where a 'People's Vote" could be considered.

"As I have said from the outset, the outcome of the Referendum must still be respected but crashing out without a deal should be avoided. I am clear we need a deal, a better deal."

The collapsed wall on Grove Road, Up Holland

Headway made on collapsed wall

HEADWAY has been made in resolving concerns over a collapsed wall and a 'foul smell' on Grove Road, Up Holland.

Residents contacted the borough's MP frustrated with the highway's appearance since the wall fell, together with their safety concerns.

MP Rosie Cooper wrote to local agencies including Lancashire County Council who are monitoring the 'integrity' of the wall on a regular basis, but who have no authority to carry out any repairs without the owner's consent.

It now appears following information from Wigan Council that Up Holland Parish Council could be the responsible owners.

With regard to the smell, Lancashire County Council has inspected and cleaned the gullies behind the wall, with the inspections showing that the drain is attached to United Utilities infrastructure. LCC have accepted that they can change the design of the gully as the current structure is old, but the earliest for any start will be April 2019.

Ms Cooper said: "The collapse of the wall is impacting on the highway and causing safety concerns for drivers, as well as pedestrians with the integrity of the remaining wall in question.

"I will continue to monitor the situation and push for swift remedial and clearance works to be carried out.

"Residents have also complained about the foul smell emitting locally and LCC have inspected the drains and agreed to consider changing the design of the gully."

Refurbish a used bike... then get to keep it for free!

ACTIVE Lancashire has organised Cycle Recycle workshops at The Bike Works in Skelmersdale.

The workshops, which are part of the More Positive Together Project, will provide an opportunity to refurbish a used bike, which the participant then gets to keep at the end.

The workshops are free, but there are a limited number of places available.

On the course people are also shown how to carry out basic maintenance of their bike, so if they do suffer a puncture or other problems they will know how to fix it themselves. The workshops run across two days, from 10am until 3pm.

The Bike Works is a Skelmersdale-based community interest shop and training service based at Gillibrands. It helps train people so they can go onto further education or employment using newly acquired skills.

The project is run by volunteer cycle enthusiasts who are keen to put their skills to good use.

Colin Southern from The Bike Works said: "Volunteers work alongside people from the local community, sharing their mechanical knowledge and showing them how to use tools to recycle discarded and pre-loved bicycles and to repair and maintain them afterwards. The workshops are aimed at increasing the use of bikes in and around West Lancashire."

Lead mechanic Gareth Whittle, has run a couple of Cycle Recycle Workshop's for Active Lancashire and has been 'pleasantly surprised' by the wide range of people who have participated and received a free bike.

He said: "The Bike Works is a brilliant project and our mechanics are kept busy working with young people and volunteers, with some of the course participants even coming back in as volunteers themselves and helping out around the workshop.

Gareth Whittle and group members repairing a re-cycled bike

"it doesn't really matter if you are mechanically minded just as long as you are willing to help out, even if it means just making a cup of tea or taking a customer's phone call."

Project leader Colin Southern runs the Bike Works and also teaches the Bikeabilty element of the course, so if people are unsure about riding a bike he will coach them on how to ride safely.

Colin is also a fitness coach and commented: "This is a brilliant opportunity, to take advantage of a free bike offer. As we all know cycling really does boost fitness, mental health and helps people get into shape, especially after the Christmas period.

"So, now is a great time to renew those New Year's Resolutions by signing up to the Active Lancashire Cycle Recycle Workshops."

To book your place or for more information contact Active Lancashire on 01772 299830.

Variety Theatre Group to stage Fab Fifties show

THE Variety Theatre Group at Up Holland and District U3A are presenting a show called The Fab Fifties.

It will be held at St Teresa's Hall, College Road, Up Holland, WN8 0PY, on the evenings of Friday, November 1 and Saturday, February 2 starting at 7.30pm.

The Fab Fifties is a variety show with songs dancing and sketches, giving snapshots of life in the 1950s, with events and snatches from radio and television programmes of the time.

The scripts are mostly original, and written by members of the group. The performances are open to the public, including children, and the tickets are priced at £6 for adults and £3 for under 16s. There will be a raffle, a bar and refreshments.

Enquiries for booking should be made to 01942 744156, or pay at the door on the evening.

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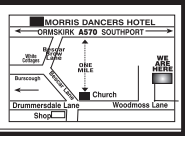

Hospital to host nurse recruitment event

THE Southport and Ormskirk NHS Hospital Trust is hosting a nursing recruitment event on Saturday, February 2 at Southport Hospital.

The event will run from 11am to 3pm in the education centre at the hospital in Town Lane, Kew.

Interview slots are available whether you are qualified as a registered nurse, a student nurse, looking to return to practice or hoping to join the NHS.

Teams will also be on hand to answer questions that candidates may have about any specific roles and departments at either Southport or Ormskirk hospitals.

Advice will be available about career development and training, while NHS professionals will also be on hand for anyone looking for temporary roles with the nursing bank.

Interviews and advice will be available on a drop-in basis but for those who have applied online via NHS Jobs, booked appointments will be confirmed.

For an informal chat or more information call Carol Fowler on 01704 4774 or email carol.fowler@nhs.net.

Don't run the risk of eviction by racking up rent arrears!

Council urges tenants struggling with their finances to seek help from its free Money Advice Service

WEST Lancs Council is encouraging council house tenants who are struggling financially to make use of its money management services to avoid falling into arrears and risking eviction.

The authority says that while the majority of tenants know the importance of paying their rent on time, 28 were evicted for rent arrears last year.

And with residents possibly having to deal with the aftermath of Christmas at this time of the year, the council says it wants to help those having difficulties budgeting by urging them to get in touch with its free, independent and confidential Money Advice Service

Advisers can help with debt problems, and offer advice on managing bills, claiming benefits, and negotiating debt payment programmes. To arrange an appointment email moneyadvice@westlancs.gov.uk or call 01695 585250.

The advisers can also guide you on alternatives to loan sharks such as Credit Unions.. Knowsley Mutual Credit Union (www.knowsleymutualcu.co.uk) is one that operates in West Lancashire.

Meanwhile, if you have made a claim for Universal Credit and need help to make sure your claim includes your rent, you can contact the council's dedicated Universal Credit Support Officer on 01695 712557 - but don't delay as this could result in arrears on your rent account.

The authority has now made it possible for tenants to pay their rent using direct debit weekly, fortnightly or monthly on any date in the month.

This can help with money management and means those on Universal Credit can set up a rent payment on their UC pay date. To set up a direct debit payment call 01695 585252.

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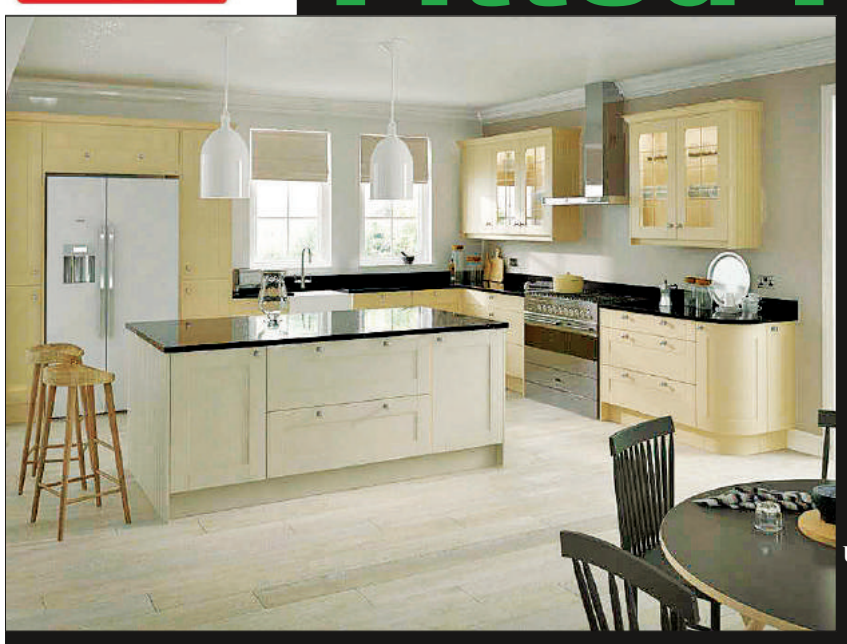

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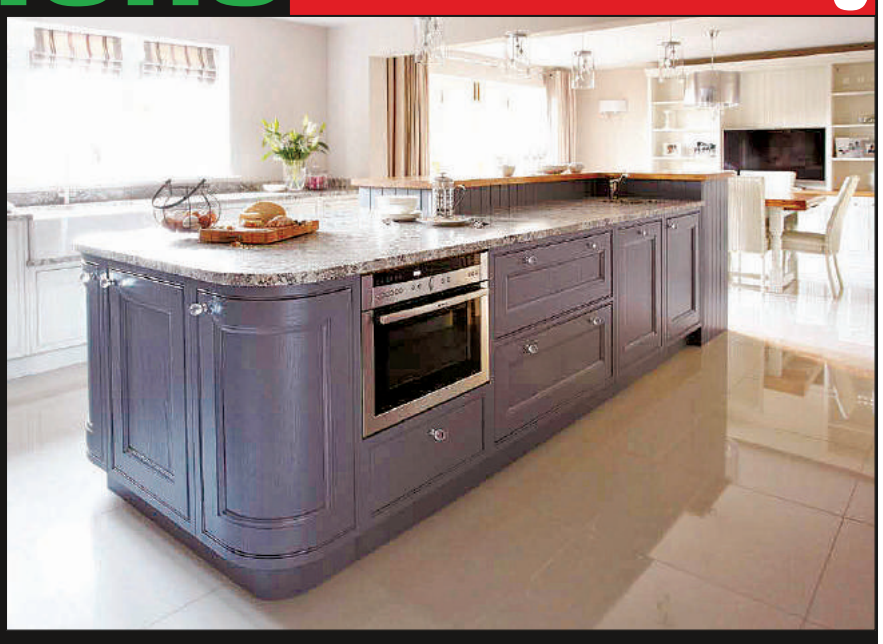

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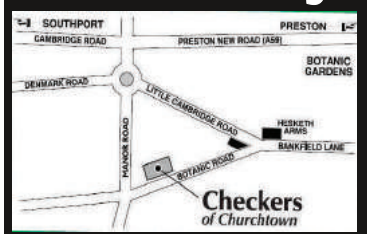

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‘Concourse construction is so loud I can’t hear my customers speak!’

Shopping centre bosses agree to carry out ‘noisy’ jobs outside of trading hours following complaints

Report by **Henry James**

The construction works at the Concourse

A TRADER at the Concourse Shopping Centre is fed up with noisy building work which is so loud he can’t hear his customers speak!

He believes the work to build a new unit at the Skelmersdale shopping centre should have been done when the Concourse is closed and not in trading hours.

Following complaints from customers the construction workers are now going to do any “excessively noisy or dusty work” when the centre is closed.

Concourse bosses said restructuring work begun on the atrium at the Concourse Shopping Centre as it prepares to welcome a new occupier.

Work began last week, which will see the construction of a new unit in the atrium.

Adever has been appointed to carry out the construction works, which are expected to be completed in the spring. The new occupier should open its doors in the summer.

The shop owner who contacted the Champion and did not want to be named, said: “The men have been doing work behind the lift for about five hours on some days. They have hired contractors to do the work during trading hours.

“We understand there will be some noise when new shops are preparing to open. However we don’t agree with this as they are using power tools to destroy and take apart the flower areas that were next to the lift. They also cut the bars away from the windows to make a new entrance.

“We understand that this has to happen, but in our opinion and many other shops and customers this work should be done at night, or at least after the centre itself has closed.

“The noise that we are getting is at such a level that we can’t even hear our customers speak to us and it is causing people to have headaches.

“There is also the problem of the dust caused by this demolition, which caused two of our employees to have bad throats. One of them even lost their voice. The mess it causes is annoying too.

“The centre management sent a newsletter to all shops saying that work would start at some point in January.

“But at no point have they informed any of us about the noise or dust that would be produced by this work.

“We found out the most by talking to the workers.”

The shop tenant added that shop owners and customers have complained to the management. He added: “We truly want this new shop to open and help build trade for the centre but we also have heard many customers say that they wouldn’t return as this is the last straw for them. They need to do this work at night as to not affect so many people.”

Gary Mitchell, manager of The Concourse Centre, which is owned and managed by Skelmersdale Limited Partnership, apologised for the disruption for the necessary works, saying that the contractor had agreed to undertake any “excessively noisy or dusty work” between 4am-10am from now on.

“We apologise that the works, which will be ongoing for the next few weeks, are causing a disruption for our existing tenants and customers.

“But we are committed to making improvements here for the benefit of the local community, providing our customers with a great experience when they come shopping here,” he said.

“We are undertaking these necessary structural works to make way for a new occupier and are looking forward to unveiling the new unit and welcoming an exciting new tenant that is keen to bring its brand to Skelmersdale in due course.”

Members of Lancashire County Council's gritting team with signs often used in problem parking areas.

Residents’ grit will be tested once more as icy conditions set to return

WEST Lancashire residents are preparing for another spell of icy conditions - but some angry locals claim Lancashire County Council failed to grit roads in Skelmersdale and Up Holland last week.

Skelmersdale North borough Councillor Neil Furey said that on Tuesday, January 22 motorists faced “chaotic scenes” in Skelmersdale and Up Holland due to the ice.

He said local schools had to close and motorists experienced severe delays to their journeys.

After receiving a large number of complaints Councillor Neil Furey wrote to Councillor Geoff Driver, leader of Lancashire County Council.

Cllr Furey commented: “From my point of view and from my observations the efforts made by Lancashire County Council in treating our roads has spectacularly failed and local residents quite rightly have cause for complaint.

“Weather forecasts did predict freezing temperatures, hailstones and snow showers. However this wintry weather should not have brought all this chaos and disruption. From my point of view the council should have prepared for this weather event by properly gritting local roads."

Lancashire County Councillor Keith Iddon, cabinet member for highways and transport, said the following after last week's cold snap: "The main routes were treated a number of times , but we know conditions were still difficult in places due to the continuous wintry showers, and on roads which are not treated as a priority.

"We do everything we can to keep traffic moving on priority roads and we are open about the fact we cannot grit every road in Lancashire. Even if we had the resources needed we couldn't grit them quickly enough to make a real difference.

"No council does this and its important people understand there are limitations to the service we can provide.”

Meanwhile, county’s highway teams are urging people to park carefully to make sure their gritters can do their job.

The gritters warn that parts of some routes often go untreated because drivers don't leave enough room for vehicles to get past.

The Met Office has forecast temperatures to be freezing for the rest of the week (till weekend of February 2 and 3).

Dwayne Lowe, Lancashire County Council highways manager, said: "Our drivers have real problems trying to get through on parts of some gritting routes because people are badly parked.

"We're concerned that some roads which should be gritted could become icy over the coming days if the gritters can't get through.”

New £4m Beechtrees housing plot starting to take shape

By **Henry James**

The Beechtrees development

NEW homes on Beechtrees are really beginning to “take shape” as significant progress is being made on the construction work for 36 new houses in the £4 million scheme, the borough council has said.

The two-bedroom houses will provide “much-needed homes” and the development will “greatly enhance” part of Digmoor, Skelmersdale.

The houses are being built on land where the council has demolished nine blocks of flats and four houses.

Council staff expect the new homes will be available to rent in the summer and more information will be available soon.

Anyone interested in expressing an interest in one of the new homes must be registered with HomeFinder, whether or not they are a council tenant, so they can bid for the properties when they are advertised through that system.

For more information on how to register on HomeFinder go to the website: www.westlancshomefinder.co.uk or contact 01695 585271.

The scheme has been “significantly expanded”, as the original proposals envisaged the building of 14 homes.

These homes will represent the third new batch of council housing provided by the authority in recent years and the council is looking at opportunities to build additional new homes in the future.

Councillor Jennifer Forshaw, portfolio holder for housing and landlord services, said: "I am delighted with the progress that has been made on these new homes and look forward to the time when the council can welcome new tenants to live in them."

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Charity grateful for grant

OFFICIALS of West Lancs-based charity Sporting Challenge have thanked Lancashire County Council after receiving a four-figure donation towards its work with young people and adults with learning disabilities.

The charity, set up in 2008 by a group of parents and carers, currently provides activities for 57 members. These include ten pin bowling, boccia, dance, kurling, aerobics, keep fit, Nintendo Wii and pool.

They also organise short breaks for members.

The charity was presented with £2,000 for sessional costs from the county council's Young People's Service's Small Grants Scheme.

Activities organiser, Edward McCarthy, said: "On behalf of Sporting Challenge I wish to thank Lancashire County Council for their most generous grant. Our numbers are growing and the majority of new members are aged 16 to 22. This is a key area we need to support and this number is set to grow over the years to come.

"We are working with the county council to provide support and sessions for young adults in the transition age (16 to 22) which can be a difficult time for them and their families.

"There is a lot of change and they can easily move from school/college and not keep their friendships. Our group can help people make new friends, grow in confidence and keep fit and healthy.

"So if you are a parent who is interested please get in touch."

For more information on Sporting Challenge, visit www.sporting-challenge.org.uk, call 07971 299606 or email EdwardatEMSS@gmail.com

Meanwhile the charity is also keen to remind people that it has been selected as one of the nominees for the Co-op's Local Community Fund project whereby every time someone registered with its membership scheme shops at a local store, 1% of what they spend on Co-op products and services goes to the good cause of their choice.

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Sporting Challenge members enjoying a Nintendo Wii session.

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Budding filmmaker hoping for festival spotlight

A BUDDING filmmaker at Edge Hill University is hopeful that his first feature will be picked up by high-profile festivals this year.

Robert McLean, who is due to complete his degree in Film Studies with Film Production this summer, wrote, directed and produced Yellow in the Blue, a coming-of-age drama which received its premiere in the summer of 2018.

The 20-year-old says: "Putting together a feature film is something I'll never forget. It was a very stressful experience but for a first-time feature on a shoestring budget, I'm incredibly happy with the results and so proud of the cast and crew. They gave it their all. They are some of the most amazing people I've met, and I can't wait to work with them again.

Budding filmmaker Robert McLean.

"The premiere was as great an experience as it was humbling. I'd love to do it all again and I'm sure I will. For now, though, I'm going through the festival experience which takes a while but it'll be worth it in the end."

Originally from Wrexham but now based in Ormskirk , Robert, who studied media, film and television at college, has been immersed in the creative arts from a young age, having initially gained an insight into the industry as a child actor.

His filmmaking pursuits began aged 15 and he has worked on many sets since then, gaining experience in roles including production and cinematography.

He cites an Excellence Scholarship award of £2,000 towards his studies, first received in the 2017/18 university year, as being crucial in helping him to develop an impressive CV.

"The scholarship has allowed me to keep making films or travel to places to help others make films. One thing I underestimated was the financial implications of my education, so having the extra money really helps in continuing my dedication to making films."

Robert also credits the university with helping him develop his craft away from the camera, a key factor in his decision to base himself in Ormskirk.

"Since applying the theory to the practice I've seen a lot of growth in my abilities and knowledge. The support from the staff and student body is incredible here."

Disability recognition for Birch Green care home

THE Springhill Care Group, which owns the Birch Green Care Home in Ivydale, has been certified as a Disability Confident Employer following a successful assessment.

The Disability Confident Scheme aims to help employers make the most of the opportunities provided by employing disabled people or those with health conditions.

Virginia Perkins, associate director of people and organisational development said: "The scheme aims to assist our business to attract, employ and retain disabled people and those with health conditions.

"We do this by identifying and addressing any barriers that may prevent or deter disabled people from applying for jobs, in addition to assisting those employees currently employed within the business by making reasonable adjustments as required."

Virginia added: "Not only are we a Disability Confident Employer, but we welcome those from the wider community for example young people on work experience who wouldn't necessarily be able to cope in other demanding situations."

Computer generated image of how new bus station, retail and student accommodation complex will look from Moor Street.

Student flats plan for bus station site

Report by **Kenny Parker**

PLANS have been revealed to erect a 199 bed building for students on the site of Ormskirk town centre bus station.

The scheme, drawn up by developer, Downing Students, with the cooperation of the borough council will, if given a green light, include:

- A new bus station with modern information displays and dedicated stands/shelters
- Student blocks over three and four storeys for 199 student bedspaces with 24/7 management and security
- New retail/leisure space at ground floor, split across two units with flexible uses fronting Moor Street
- A new public square with extensive landscaping to link the town centre and the town's railway station.

The public is being given the opportunity to comment on the proposals before a full planning application is made, with the deadline for comments just days away.

The scheme has already been met with dismay from members of local independent party Our West Lancashire who say that residents are 'horrified' by the scale of the plans and there is more than enough student accommodation in the town.

They accuse the council of cosying up to the developer and say a full consultation needs to be carried out.

Downing Students, which is based in Liverpool, says it believes "in providing the best and well managed accommodation in locations which focus on delivering world-class, sustainable buildings for students. Each development is design-led to respect the local character and context, whilst ensuring it will contribute positively to the future of the local area."

The proposals state: "The current bus station facilities are dilapidated and dated. The council has designated the existing bus station for redevelopment within the emerging Local Plan. As part of this, the council seek to provide a modern replacement bus station and facilities, improve accessibility to local transport links and ground floor uses such as retail and leisure which contribute to the regeneration of Ormskirk."

But Jane Thompson, OWL spokeswoman, said: "I've already been contacted by residents horrified by the scale and design of the proposed buildings, especially the four storey one – higher than anything else in the town. Personally I'd have thought that flats for elderly people who do not drive would suit this particular town centre location and provide a year-round boost for our town's retailers."

Another OWL's member, Gordon Johnson, added: "The borough council own this land. They should be fully involving the people they serve in deciding how it is redeveloped, not making cosy deals with developers and then presenting it as a done deal to residents.

"With a large number of student rental houses remaining unoccupied this academic year and Edge Hill University's own figures forecasting a decline in student numbers over the coming years I am at a loss to even try and understand why the council would want to build even more student accommodation on the Ormskirk Bus Station site. It seems like a ludicrous idea to me."

West Lancs council told the Champion: "The bus station site has been identified for some time through the Ormskirk Town Centre Strategy as an under-utilised and visually unattractive building that sits on a strategically important key gateway site for visitors to Ormskirk town centre.

"The Borough Council who owns the building recognises the potential of this site in contributing to the regeneration of the town centre and providing an improved bus station and enhanced pedestrian links between the town centre, the bus and railway stations.

"West Lancashire Borough Council undertook an open procurement process to identify a development partner and a viable scheme for the site. The redevelopment of the bus station site was considered at a Full Council meeting in July 2018 and it was unanimously agreed by all councillors, that the scheme by Downing Developments was the appropriate scheme for the site, subject to it achieving planning permission. Accordingly, authority was given to officers to take all necessary steps to implement the project.

"The scheme provides a new bus station, and a considerable amount of commercial space at ground floor level that will add value and vitality to the town centre. In addition it brings 198 student bedrooms close to the town centre which will reduce the demand for HMOs in residential streets in the town and will also help support the town centre.

"West Lancashire Borough Council is working in partnership with the developer. However it is the developer who is responsible for the submission of the planning application and the corresponding designs, and this will be considered as part of the normal planning process by the Council."

Attack outside nightspot left me traumatised, says Edge Hill student, Katie

Shocked mum posts pictures of daughter hit with bottle in street

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A STUDENT at Edge Hill University has described having panic attacks and finding it difficult to return to Ormskirk, after being assaulted outside a town-centre nightclub.

The attack on Katie MacDonald left her with a broken nose and deep cuts to her face. She was hit with a bottle following an altercation between two men and her male friend outside the Alpine club on Railway Road in the early hours of Friday, January 18.

Geography student Katie was taken to Southport Hospital following the incident. She was left with swelling and two black eyes.

Her mum, Jane, posted photos of her daughter on social media along with the following message: "This happened to my daughter Katie last night by cowards of men using a bottle outside Alpine in Ormskirk around 1.30am.

"Please share to get more information as we want the horrible men that did this to be caught."

Speaking to the Champion after the incident, Katie said she had been left with more than physical injuries.

Katie MacDonald hours before her assault and after, while waiting for her wounds to be glued.

She said: "People sometimes assume just because it looks like three lacerations they will heal and scar, and that there is nothing else. But there is also the mental scarring. Hopefully it will settle but I'm finding it so difficult to even go back to Ormskirk, never mind move back into my flat.

"My nan and grandad, who I live with in Southport, left me to go to the shop for food and I ended up hyperventilating and feeling nauseous and sick, I felt like I couldn't breathe and thought I was having an allergic reaction to my new medication.

" It's awful, I didn't even realise it had effected me that much."

Police say enquiries are ongoing into the incident but a 22-year-old man has been given a caution for affray and another has been questioned following a CCTV appeal.

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Grateful mum Laura raises funds to buy cuddle cot for hospital

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Laura and James (centre) hand over the cuddle cot watched by staff at Southport Hospital.

A WEST Lancs mum who was able to spend time with her stillborn baby after staff at Southport Hospital sourced a special cuddle cot for her has raised the money to provide the hospital with its own cuddle cot so other grieving parents can spend precious time with their babies.

Laura Duran-Smith from Westhead was seven months pregnant when she was rushed to the hospital in January last year for lifesaving surgery to remove most of her small bowel.

Tragically, as a consequence of the procedure, her baby girl, Isabella Jayne, was stillborn.

However, although she was unconscious and in intensive care for three days, Laura was still able to spend time with her baby after the hospital obtained a cuddle cot from another trust.

A cuddle cot is a cooling mattress that slows down the body's deterioration and can be placed in a cot or a pram, enabling parents to stay with their babies for days or even weeks before their funeral, hugging them, dressing them and even taking them out for walks.

Following their own experience, 31-year-old Laura, and husband James, 35, set up the Bella Butterfly Foundation with the aim of purchasing cuddle cots for Southport Hospital and other NHS trusts.

Now, after raising £2,000, the couple, who have a five-year-old son Oscar, have presented the new cot to the hospital in Kew.

Laura said: "It has been hard, emotionally as well as physically due to the illness and everything else, but I feel proud because Southport Hospital were a big part of my journey from the beginning. The surgeon there saved my life and is the reason that I am here for my little boy.

"To be able to give something back to the hospital feels rewarding and especially to do so in Isabella's name. It feels like something positive has come out of such a tragic situation."

Laura is now hoping to raise more money for cuddle cots for other NHS trusts and also to buy another piece of equipment for Salford Hospital, which doesn't have a maternity ward but is where she was transferred to following her surgery at Southport.

A fundraising page for the couple's appeal has been set up at www.gofundme.com/the-bella-butterfly-foundation.

Rev Martin Abrams, chaplain for Southport and Ormskirk hospitals, said: "We are incredibly grateful to Laura and James and although we hope the cuddle cot never has to be used, it's good to know it is always there if needed for another family."

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Fire safety warning to council tenants

Authority issues alert after diesel is found in cupboard of flats' communal area

Report by **Henry James**

A FIRE safety warning has been issued to tenants by West Lancashire Borough Council after diesel was found stored in a cupboard in the communal area of some flats.

The highly flammable fuel was discovered in a first-floor storage cupboard after it had leaked and seeped through the concrete flooring into the meter cupboard and the communal area below.

Council officers spoke to the owner of the diesel who confirmed it belonged to him and told them it had been stored there for a few days.

This was a clear breach of his tenancy as the conditions state that people living in council accommodation must not keep or use paraffin or any other dangerous material in their home or in communal areas.

The tenant involved has agreed to sign an acceptable behaviour contract not to store hazardous liquid and to pay the £154.76 costs of the clean-up and keep to the terms of his tenancy.

Councillor Jenny Forshaw, West Lancs Council's cabinet member for housing and landlord services, said: "This tenant lives in a block of flats so was not only putting his own life at risk but that of all the other residents. The council takes fire safety very seriously and will take appropriate action against those who put others in danger and fail to comply with their tenancy agreements."

Councillor Jenny Forshaw, West Lancs Council's cabinet member for housing and landlord services.

Zero tolerance

A spokesman for Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service commented: "All residents in blocks of flats should be mindful of the fact that the communal stairway is often their only way out in an emergency.

"Anything that would present a fire risk in the communal area could trap them and endanger their life.

"So it is really important that residents follow the council's guidance and abide by the terms of their tenancies."

The council says it has been managing a programme of works to improve fire safety in communal blocks, including new fire doors, door closers, and removing internal bin stores.

And the authority says it has a zero tolerance approach to tenants storing personal belongings in communal areas which could be considered to be putting others at risk.

Earlier this year letters were sent to residents with access to store cupboards stating that in order to continue utilising this facility they must not use it to store any combustible items.

Examples given were oil-based paints and varnishes; petrol/diesel/lighter fluid or any other flammable liquid; gas canisters/cylinders of any type; large quantities of newspaper or any other form of paper; and old furniture including sofas, settees and mattresses.

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Chairman, Steve Kirby, said: "The centre embarked on an ambitious plan to redevelop in the autumn of 2016 and we are keen to share our progress with the local community at the AGM."

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Commissioner takes a swipe at Government as police council tax precept goes up

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE's Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw has taken a swipe at the Government after he increased the police council tax precept which will work out at an extra 46p per week on a Band D property.

Mr Grunshaw has called on Westminster to address the long-term funding of policing and under-investment, as the Police and Crime Panel approved his 2019/2020 budget plan for Lancashire Police, which will see investment in more than 80 extra police officers.

This follows a public consultation where 63% of more than 4,600 respondents supported increasing the council tax precept. The public were given the chance to have their say online, at consultation events across the county and over the phone.

Presenting his plan to the panel, which is made up of councillors from across the county's local authorities, the commissioner criticised the Government for forcing the burden of police funding on to council tax payers and leaving no other options available for investment in the force.

He highlighted the budget pressures faced by Lancashire Constabulary due to the Government cuts to police funding since 2010, with 800 police officer posts and 350 support staff lost, £84m of savings made and a further £18m still to find by 2022.

Mr Grunshaw said: "The Government's funding announcement at the end of last year made it clear that the only way to raise funds to put extra officers on our streets, which the people of Lancashire consistently tell me is what they want to see, was to fully utilise the council tax flexibility given to police and crime commissioners.

Lancashire's Police and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw.

> "It is unfair to continue passing the burden of years of austerity in policing onto local council taxpayers"

"This was the only option provided by Government to protect and bolster policing here in Lancashire and not using it would mean a further cut to the budget and 125 fewer police officers. Officers and staff work round the clock to keep people safe but are doing more with less, with Lancashire Constabulary receiving the highest amount of calls for service for its population outside of London.

"It is not sustainable to rely on the council tax precept and it is unfair to continue passing the burden of years of austerity in policing onto local council taxpayers. I strongly believe more funding should come from the Government and a long-term plan is needed for police funding which addresses the growing pressures on the service instead of papering over the cracks that years of under-funding have caused.

"For the first time since 2010 investment will be made into policing here in Lancashire with additional officers going into every district across the county, focusing on reducing and preventing crime and dealing with the issues that matter most to people.

"Specialist target teams will also be strengthened to tackle cross border crime and criminality, focusing on burglary and robbery and there will be more detectives following public feedback to prioritise investigations around major crimes, child exploitation and domestic abuse."

The Police and Crime Panel will confirm their decision in writing by February 5.

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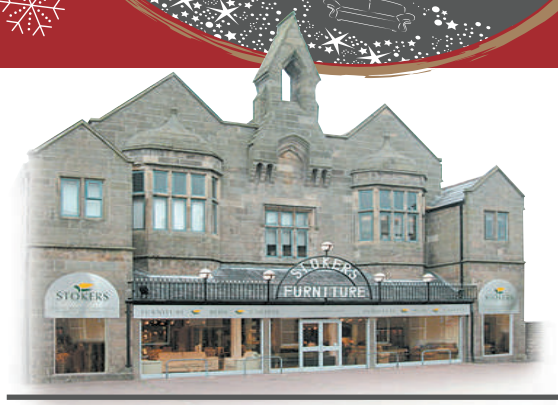

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Diane Finch from Persimmon Homes Lancashire, said: "We will soon be launching our Douglas Gardens development in Hesketh Bank and would love to see a local group benefiting from the available funding. All we ask is that the group or charity has already worked hard to raise money and we will match this up to £1,000.

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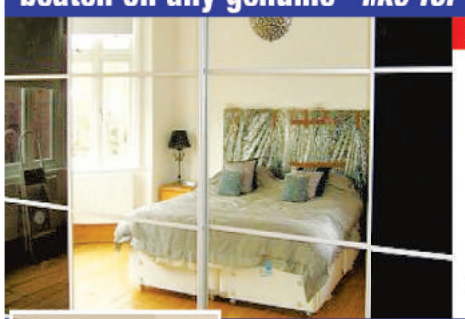

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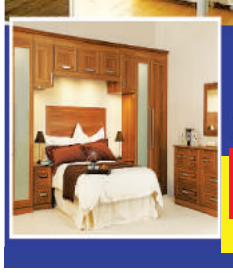

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MP backs union's call for repeal of two-child limit for Tax Credits and Universal Credit claims

Report by **Henry James**

ROSIE Cooper has joined with trade union UNISON in backing a Parliamentary petition calling for the repeal of the two-child limit to Tax Credits and Universal Credit.

The petition, created by former UNISON president, Margaret McKee, who works as a catering assistant, highlights what it calls the glaring injustice of ruling which it says will result in the worsening of child poverty.

Following the 2015 general election, the then chancellor, George Osborne announced that the child element in Child Tax Credits and the equivalent element in Universal Credit - worth £2,780 a year - would be limited to two children for new claims and births from April 6, 2017.

According to the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) removing the £545 'family element' will ultimately affect around four million families over time.

West Lancs MP, Ms Cooper is encouraging constituents to support the petition so that the Government is mandated to formally respond or for the petition to be considered for debate in Parliament.

She said: "The two-child limit is a blatant attack on families, an attack on children - both born and unborn - and an attack on women.

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper

"Limit is a blatant attack on families, an attack on children - both born and unborn - and an attack on women"

"It is reported that abusers often use pregnancy, poverty and financial dependence as means of establishing control over victims. This policy will enforce and facilitate that control.

"The Government has no electoral mandate for this policy. I am encouraging all West Lancashire constituents to sign this petition so the Government must give the policy serious consideration through a formal response or debate in Parliament.

"Churches, the Child Poverty Action Group and Women's Aid have all come out against this policy and the Equality and Human Rights Commission have been highly critical, it's time the Government listened.

"The Work and Pension Secretary Amber Rudd's recent announcement only means those families with more than two children prior to 2017 will not suffer, but that still leaves children and families struggling who happen to have had a third child since 2017."

UNISON general secretary, Dave Prentis, added: "The two-child limit is completely and utterly wrong. There is no place for measures like this in any decent and caring society. Families who are struggling should be able to get help, not based on the number of children they have, but on their level of need.

"Households with three or more children are quite simply being forced into poverty. I urge everyone to sign our petition and convince ministers to think again about this harsh, heartless decision."

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

Why should council taxpayers fund reports into schemes to benefit the landowners and developers?

FOR several years now the residents of West Lancashire have faced maximum increases in their council tax, with add-on charges for green bins and adult social care, at the same time facing threats of continual cuts to council-funded services.

In such times of austerity it therefore beggars belief that at the council meeting on January 15, cabinet approved funds to be diverted from existing budgets to fund a study to evaluate options for the protection of a major gas pipeline that passes through land to the south-west of Skelmersdale.

This land is owned by Lord Derby and has recently been presented to the council as part of a development Masterplan for a new garden village called Rotherham Green.

The study will cost £30,000 and will pay for work that should surely be undertaken at the developer's cost.

After all, it is the landowner and developer that are set to gain the most, so why should the taxpayer be expected to fund this at the expense of vital council services.

So what next? Do taxpayers also have to fund the millions of pounds required to protect or relocate the pipeline so that Lord Derby can make even more money from building factories on prime agricultural land?

This council seems to have lost its moral compass and appears to expect the many to supplement the few.

West Lancs resident, by email, details supplied.

Jim's right, obesity isn't an illness!

I HAVE to agree with Jim Sharpe (One Man and his Dog, January 16) and his observation on fat people.

It seems to me that the doctors who say that fatness and obesity is an illness are giving permission for fat people to eat even more as it's not their fault really but something they can't control.

That's a bit like Alcoholics Anonymous telling drinkers they are powerless and need help from God or a higher power otherwise they are doomed to drink forever unless you believe.

Where the heck do they get these so-called doctors from, telling people 'oh it's ok, it's not your fault, it's an illness you have'? Cancer is an illness, obesity is not an illness.

The real reason why people are fat and obese is simple, so start eating less and do more exercise!

Frank Baybutt, Burscough.

Referendum wasn't about democracy but an attempt to heal Tory divisions

JIM Sharpe's analysis of the Brexit farce (Champion, January 23) might be correct in saying that Jeremy Corbyn sees it as a way to bring about a general election, but he conveniently forgets why we had a referendum in the first place.

It wasn't a glorious democratic vote - it was David Cameron desperately trying to once and for all sort out divisions within the Conservative Party.

He expected a vote to remain and rightly resigned when he realised he had failed and what he had done was damaging to the country.

I doubt whether he realised just how damaging.

Jed, Ormskirk, by email.

Drop us a line...

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

Letters to the editor can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page.

They should be concise, preferably no more than 350 words, and include the sender's name, address and contact details, although not necessarily for publication.

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The editor reserves the right to edit all items submitted for favour of publication.

■ PLEASE note: All views and opinions expressed in letters are solely those of the authors.

CCTV 'deterrent' isn't working and students village plan will bring even more ASB problems

AFTER reading the report in the Champion (January 23) I have to agree that CCTV is definitely failing the residents in St Helens Road.

I had to smile when I read 'the university has no statutory power off campus'.

Several universities across the country have ASB problems with students. They address the situation by paying wardens outside the university to support residents and ensure students' safety.

Edge Hill obviously feel they are above reproach and are not interested in the residents of Ormskirk or their students, off campus. This is very sad.

I wonder if the residents in St Helens Road realise that providing a 1,000- bed student village at the top end of their road will mean 1,000 additional students walking home each night after a night on the town.

Not a good situation that our council are proposing in their new Local Plan.

Jean Taylor, by email.

Do we really need a police commissioner?

ONCE again its that time of the year when Clive Grunshaw starts whingeing about how much he needs to prop up the police pensions.

How does he expect West Lancs pensioners to do this, when they are on a pittance, from central government?

If we have to tighten our belts the police commissioner and his department should do the same. Police pensions are a lot more than the ordinary pensioner would receive.

This is a non-starter. If Mr Grimshaw wants more money he should be asking the Government and no one else.

Another question is, do we need a police commissioner?

J. Burgess, by email.

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PICTURE of the week

Piper Hugh MacDonald, closely followed by Formby Hall Golf Resort Chef and the haggis, at Formby Rotary Club's Burns Night Supper celebrations last week. Picture by Martyn Snape.

WLBC should do responsible thing

Regarding last week's story in the Champion 'Council defends its handling of Victoria Park Homes scheme'.

It's so well documented that you don't even have to be the local planning authority like WLBC, to know that Crabtree Lane is an area with critical drainage problems.

Nothing has been done to improve the capacity of their watercourses, simultaneously WLBC and United Utilities have jointly pursued a policy of moving surface water from sewers into watercourses.

One resident not only has the, almost obligatory flood doors, but has also surrounded his home with protective drains feeding two pumps.

WLBC, who are fully aware of the flooding problems their policies and planning decisions are causing, are now trying to mislead residents by implying that its powers are insufficient to protect Crabtree Lane residents because preventing development on Victoria Park was beyond its control. Yet all local planning authorities are responsible for strategic policies which, 'make sufficient provision for infrastructure for wastewater, flood risk management' (Section 20 and 20b National Planning Policy Framework).

So why don't WLBC do the responsible thing and insist the Victoria Park development not add to flooding and if the application goes to appeal, continue to do the responsible thing and ask the inspectorate to back them up?

WLBC also forgot to mention that residents wouldn't be in this mess had it refused the original outline planning permission for Victoria Park, on the basis that it would cause flooding in Crabtree Lane; and there was nothing to stop it backing that argument up by stating that building on Burscough's greenbelt at Victoria Park is unjustified given the massive amount of brownfield and greenfield land already available in Burscough.

Gavin Rattray,
Secretary Burscough Flooding Group

Fantastic network of hospitals now used for acute emergency care

IN response to the letter by David Symons (January 23) regarding the tragic M58 incidents, and the so-called need to address NHS hospital provisions.

Mr Symons was correct in highlighting Ormskirk as the nearest hospital to the scene, but most patients were conveyed by land and air to the regional major trauma centre at Aintree. Patients are now often conveyed further to regional specialist hospitals, whether that's stroke, cardiac, trauma, children's or burns.

Acute emergency care has a fantastic network in the North West, supported by many talented clinicians.

Phil D,
(by email)

Help at hand for tidy up

I WONDER if any local area group (Skelmersdale/Up Holland) is looking for volunteers to do a bit of tidying up of some of our local green areas?

I have lived in the town for 40-plus years and always loved to take my young children through the woods and along the Tawd - sadly now a home for trolleys and various other detritus.

I've searched the Internet and can't seem to see any details of a local litter-pick group.

My daughter and I would both be interested in knowing if there was an organisation that could use a hand.

Barbara Richardson,
(by email)

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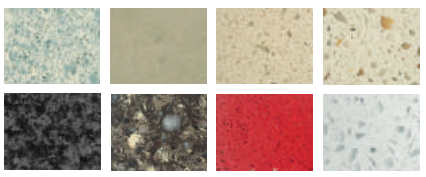

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GATES are set to be installed at three entrances to Ormskirk town centre to restrict access to pedestrians only between the times of 10am and 4pm.

Subject to a required Traffic Regulation Order consultation, the gates will be positioned at the entrances by Morrison's supermarket in Aughton Street, Ormskirk Library, Burscough Street, and by Ormskirk Parish Church on Church Street.

Lancashire County Council introduced traffic restrictions into the area following concerns by shops and shoppers that traffic movements were becoming dangerous.

But the county's Labour group says that since the restrictions began - and despite regular visits by traffic wardens - motorists, especially van drivers, have been "abusing the situation",

County Councillor Nikki Hennessy, who represents Ormskirk on the authority, said: "I can announce that local people will now be consulted on gates for Ormskirk town centre, which will be put in place to ensure that only pedestrians can access the town centre from the three main entrances between the times of 10am and 4pm. We need to ensure people feel safe in the town, especially those who are vulnerable and children, within the pedestrian area.

County Councillor Nikki Hennessy in Burscough Street, one of the proposed sites for the gates in Ormskirk town centre.

"I've stepped out of a shop and witnessed a van forcing shoppers to step aside completely ignoring the restriction - well, they won't be ignoring the gates when they are in place.

"I have been campaigning to build up what they call the shopping experience in Ormskirk for many years. Working with shopkeepers and local people we can deliver a town centre that people want to come to, for shopping, lunch, and to meet friends and family.

"The Traffic Regulation Order is just a small hurdle to get the gates put in place and make Ormskirk the place to be."

The consultation, which runs until Wednesday, February 6, proposes to shorten the length of the one-way restriction on Church Street so that it starts 27 metres south from the junction with Park Road rather than from the junction with Park Road.

Anyone wishing to make a representation or objection is asked to do so in writing before the deadline either by email to tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk; or to the postal address listed on the Notice of Proposal which can be found on the county council's website www.lancashire.gov.uk by searching Traffic Regulation Orders.

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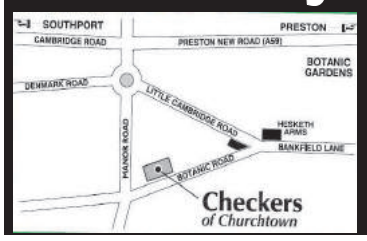

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During the evening there will be a chance to view the facilities at the both the £42.8m main campus and the newly-opened £2.5m Construction, Engineering & Logistics Centre and to find out more about the new BTEC Combinations programme and other new initiatives.

Special guest on the day will be Paul Harrison, crime author and former detective who worked with the UK Police and the FBI at Quantico. He will give a talk, entitled *Interviews with Serial Killers,* offering a valuable insight into the criminal world for anyone planning a career in psychology, public services or science.

Tickets for the talk, to be held in the college's Hope Theatre from 7.30 to 9pm, are available free of charge via eventbrite.co.u.

Also on the night, visitors can find out more about the college's School of Medicine A Level programme due to start this September, and the recently-launched Health Careers Academy and Logistics Careers Academy, delivered in partnership with local employers and universities.

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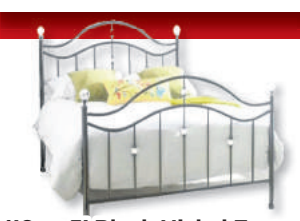

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Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney, cuts the ribbon to officially open the new Redrow Homes development, The Grange, at Yew Tree Park, Burscough.

Civic opening for Yew Tree Park development

THE Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Noel Delaney, performed the official opening ceremony for a new development of family homes in Burscough.

Cllr. Delaney was guest of honour when builders Redrow unveiled a new sales centre and two show homes at The Grange at Yew Tree Park in Liverpool Road South.

Other guests at the launch event included representatives from local businesses, schools and community groups. Attendees were given an exclusive tour of the development, which features Arts and Crafts-inspired architecture twinned with modern interiors.

Redrow also provided a talk, with the house-builder emphasising its commitment to support the local community, including paying a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contribution in the region £1.6 million to West Lancs Council to fund local facilities.

The developer is also funding junction improvements in Liverpool Road South.

Cllr. Delaney said: "The launch event provided a great opportunity to learn more about The Grange at Yew Tree Park in Burscough, where new family homes have been built. The development is sure to leave a legacy for future generations and it was an honour to be invited as guest of honour to formally open it to the public."

Sales manager for Redrow Homes (Lancashire), Lesley Myers, added: "It was an honour to welcome the Mayor of West Lancashire, along with other distinguished guests from the community to our launch event.

"Along with developing high-quality homes, we have a commitment to support and develop thriving communities, and we are excited to have launched The Grange at Yew Tree Park."

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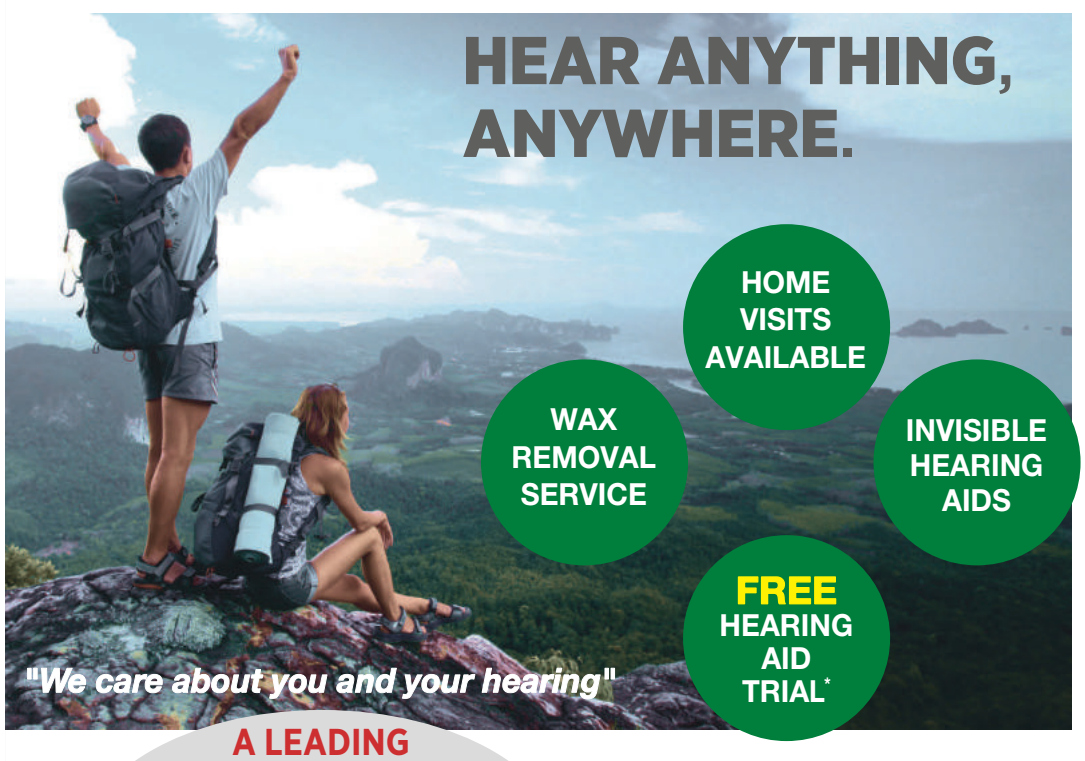

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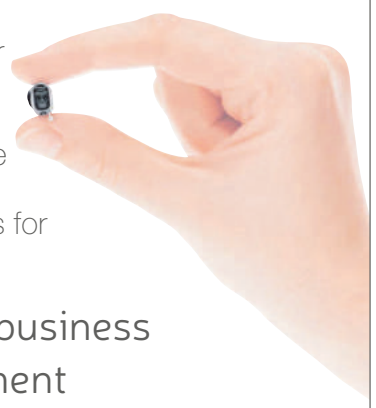

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Mystery of the imp out to foil everyday tasks

REMEMBER a few weeks ago when I mentioned the phenomena of toast which has the ability always to fall butter side down? Well, I've just been reminded of another similar puzzle.

You know how on occasion the pages of a newspaper or magazine stay firmly stuck together and you blow on the corners to enable you to turn them over only to discover that the pages of previously hidden information is invariably of no interest to you whatsoever? Well, this seems to happen to me all the time.

There I am, sitting on the bus on my way to 'Champion Towers' in Southport, reading my copy of *The Metro* and I invariably spend an irritating minute trying to get to the next, stubbornly-concealed page only to find it's either adverts for things for which I have no use, or worse the doings of a B-list celebrity. Actually, I'd rather read the adverts.

Why anyone is interested in what so-called 'celebs' are up to defeats me, but still, each to his or her own. I imagine that most folk would have the same reaction about a story concerning a new railway engine - not that one is usually forthcoming - but sad old me would.

The point being that with stuck pages you can't win. And unlike the toast, butter and floor, there is, so far as I know, no scientific explanation whatsoever of my trouble with stuck pages. But I swear it does happen - often - to me!

Of course, this is just another example of fate spitting in your face. Like why, if you are wearing lace-up shoes, does one of them always manage to get itself into a knot when you come to take them off at bed time? Or when you are lifting an object off from a high place and you say to yourself 'I mustn't dislodge that glass sitting next to it' - you invariably do?

I'm sure there must be an imp of the perverse, or similar, somewhere in the heavens, whose task it is to ensure that anything of this nature that you attempt, either at breakfast, on the bus trying to read a magazine or newspaper, or just going about perfectly normal household tasks, whatever the thing you hope will not happen, does.

I do have one theory about why - and indeed it might have some sort of scientific backing. I notice that these irritating events only seem to occur if you have been thinking before you begin whatever it is that the thing you do not want to go wrong, does.

And I can make that fit, just about, with the toast, the shoes or the high places, but not really the newspaper. Thinking you do not want to see something on the page currently hidden cannot, in fact, alter the outcome of your page-turning efforts one jot. But it happens all the same - to me at least.

The problem is, and this is where the imp will always win, that you positively know that if you do not turn the page there would have been something of vital import to you on it. And there is no way you can persuade yourself that this is not so until you do turn the page and find out.

It occurs to me too, that the same kind of problem afflicts quite a lot of DIY as well. Just try undoing something barely reachable under your car. Chances are it will eventually drop off and manage to role straight down the nearest drain.

I know the bilge of my Norfolk Broads cruiser should be rattling with the number of small bits and pieces that have found a home there. Well it might, but probably not because of the cushioning effect of the bits of absorbent paper towel that are down there with them. And it is definitely not just me this time.

I know because I've seen (with the aid of a powerful torch) that there is a very expensive-looking, quite large, screwdriver at rest in an oily puddle just beneath the gearbox. Since I have never owned anything like it, I can only presume that it belonged to a mechanic who has worked on the boat.

The imp won again.

Local consultants join TV presenter and founder at event to celebrate Slimming World's golden milestone

Sarah with Rylan.

TWO Slimming World consultants from West Lancashire joined in celebrations to mark half-a-century of success at its annual awards co-hosted by TV personality and presenter Rylan Clark-Neal and the organisation's founder and chair, Margaret Miles-Bramwell.

Margaret opened her first Slimming World group in 1969 and it has since grown to become the UK's leading group-based weight-management organisation, supporting nearly one million slimmers.

Sarah Salka, who runs a Slimming World group at Digmoor Community Centre, Skelmersdale, and Amie Meloy, who also manages groups in West Lancs, were delighted to get a chance to meet Rylan, who shot to fame after appearing on hit show The X-Factor, .

They said meeting the TV host at the event at Birmingham's International Convention Centre was a wonderful way to round off a great year at Slimming World, as well as a brilliant way to start 2019.

And they added: "We couldn't be prouder of our members, not only have they lost fantastic amounts of weight throughout 2018 – with many of them hitting their target weights – they've also improved their health, boosted their confidence and are heading into 2019 with new healthy habits that will stay with them for life.

"Every week we feel privileged to play even a small part in supporting people towards these achievements and to celebrate with them. Rylan was blown away by the difference Slimming World makes to people's lives too."

Amie with Rylan.

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Community centre to host table top sale to boost revamp fund

VOLUNTEERS at a community centre in Hesketh Bank are holding a table-top sale this weekend to help boost funding for refurbishment work to take place at the building.

The event will be held at the Hesketh Bank Community Centre from noon-3pm this Saturday (February 2).

Sue Ellis, who is organising the event said: "The Centre in raising funds to redevelop the site and so far our events and activities, including a car boot sale and artisan market, have raised more than £4,000.

"But, we have a very long way to go, so we hope that the local community will continue to support our fund-raising efforts."

There will be a mixture of stalls, lunch and cakes, and an auction of items including work by local artists.

There will also be a draw for a £20 Booths voucher of those people who have completed Hesketh Bank Community Centre's survey, which seeks to find out what people want from their new hall.

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Young carers set to be recognised by county council

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council is backing Young Carers Awareness Day.

The national event aims to raise understanding of the challenges faced by the 700,000 children and young people under 18 years old in the UK, who provide care and support to someone in their family who is ill, has a disability or misuses substances.

This year's event, to take place tomorrow (Thursday, January 31), is the fifth and the theme this year is mental health.

County Councillor Susie Charles, Lancashire's cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "We're glad to support Young Carers Awareness Day to raise awareness of the crucial role these young people have in their families.

"We want this to be a day that everyone recognises the challenges that the young carers can face on a daily basis, and give some thought to this.

"Most recent figures indicate that we have around 4,000 children and young people in Lancashire who are providing care.

County Councillor Susie Charles

"Most young carers provide between 20 and 39 hours every week but many provide more than 50 hours each week.

"This can mean that they face many issues, and can be under a lot of strain because they are constantly juggling family, school and their personal life.

"As a result, their childhoods can be very different from those of their peers.

"We want to help schools, colleges, employers and the public to be able to assist these young people, make sure that they are able to access the right support now and are able to go on to pursue the employment that they want."

The Lancashire Young Carers Service is run by children's charity Barnardo's on behalf of the county council, in partnership with the East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

A video, *Same Day, Different Lives*, showing the roles that young carers take on within their families, and the differences of their lives to their peers is available to view on YouTube.

Anyone interested in finding out more about support for young carers in Lancashire can call 01772 641002 or alternatively visit the website: www.lancashirechildrenstrust.org.uk.

To find out about the national Young Carers Awareness Day, visit www.carers.org/news-item/young-carers-awareness-day-2019.

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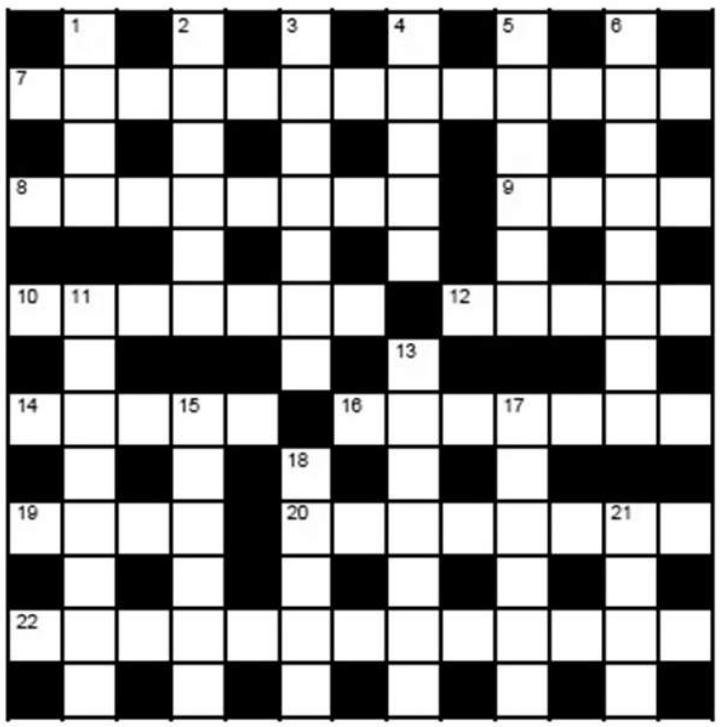

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Down: 1. Toga. 2. Take the Mickey. 3. Retreat. 4. Title. 5. Nervous system. 6. Raincoat. 12. In camera. 14. Memento. 17. Obese. 20. Feta.

ACROSS

7. An extreme or eccentric minority within society or a group (7, 6)
8. Criticise publicly (8)
9. Daring, intrepid (4)
10. Engage in competition (7)
12. Foe (5)
14. High, narrow crest (5)
16. Large, heavy knife used for cutting vegetation (7)
19. Small island, of Man or of Wight for instance (4)
20. Part of a chair that you lean against (8)
22. A form of gambling requiring players to predict the results of soccer matches (8, 5)

DOWN

1. Smoke, vapour (4)
2. Jump or dance around excitedly (6)
3. A person who sees a crime or accident take place (7)
4. Frequently (5)
5. Name given to the bell in the clock tower of the Houses of Parliament (3, 3)
6. Restriction on how old you have to be to do something (3, 5)
11. Something excluded or left out (8)
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New funding for community projects to reduce suicides and self-harming

Report by **Kenny Parker**

NEW funding has been announced for innovative, community-based projects in Lancashire and South Cumbria to help reduce the numbers of people taking their own lives.

The initiative is led by Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria, a partnership of health, local authority, public sector, NHS, voluntary and community organisations.

Community groups will have the opportunity to apply for funding between £500 and £5,000 to support projects designed to prevent suicide and reduce self-harm, key priorities of the NHS Long Term Plan published earlier this month.

£40,000 of funding is being made available for the initiative with a particular focus on reducing suicide by middle-aged men and self-harm within local communities.

Any community group, charity or organisation will be able to apply for the funding at www.healthierlsc.co.uk/suicide-preventionfund. The majority of the funding is likely to be awarded to local groups from the voluntary or charity sector in Lancashire and South Cumbria.

Paul Hopley, deputy director for mental health at Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria.

Paul Hopley, deputy director for mental health for Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria, said: "Most local people who take their own lives are not known to our specialist mental health services, so we're reaching out to our communities to innovate, test new ideas and ways of helping people.

"This new approach to working with communities aims to help people working in health and care to learn more about how to prevent suicide. We want to understand what makes a difference to people who are feeling suicidal or are self-harming and what works to keep them safe during those periods of their life."

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, director of public health for Lancashire County Council, added: "This is funding for people to develop little or big ideas, with the ultimate goal of helping to prevent people taking their own life. By working together we can make a difference and help to prevent harm and save lives.

"This innovation grant is designed to fund grassroots programmes to prevent suicides, save lives and reduce self-harm. We know that in the right hands, a little can go a long way, so we want to support local groups who are doing so much to keep people safe."

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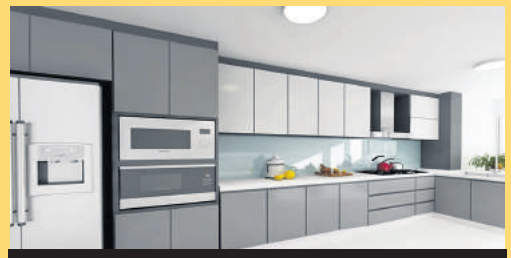

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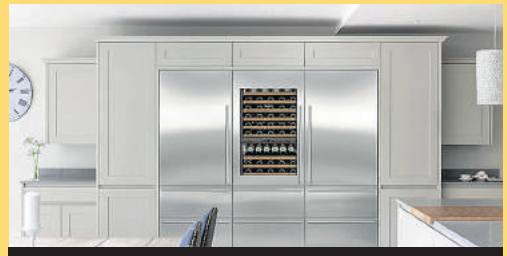

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Analysis by the RAC Foundation shows that highway authorities are adopting a 'risk-based' approach to fixing road defect like potholes.

RAC report finds size matters when it comes to filling in potholes

WHEN is a pothole not a pothole?

Well, it seems size really does matter when deciding such matters, but not all local authorities measure up quite the same when it comes to filling them in!

The fastest-acting councils in the country aim to fill in the most severe potholes in their roads within minutes. Unfortunately for local motorists, Lancashire County Council isn't one of them, according to a report released by the RAC Foundation.

Cumbria, Flinstshire and South Lanarkshire aim to act 'immediately' to repair those potholes that pose the greatest risk to the state of the road and the safety of drivers and riders. Harrow Council sets a target repair time of half-an-hour, while a further 16 councils aim to patch things up within an hour, and five within 90 minutes.

However, in Lancashire running repairs can take up to four hours.

The most common response time to the most urgent problems is two hours, with 79 councils looking to patch up the road within this period. At the other end of the scale Coventry City Council only aims to intervene within five days.

The RAC say response times to the most serious defects will be also influenced by how many miles of road a council has to manage and the geographical size of the council area.

Analysis by the organisation shows that local highway authorities across the country are increasingly adopting the 'risk-based' approach to fixing road defects. This means, for example, that not only will the size - width and depth - of a pothole be taken into account, but also the type of road it is on, the volume of traffic and the mix of road users.

Although adopting a risk-based approach is becoming increasingly common, almost all authorities still set minimum investigation levels - based on depth and width measurement - below which they won't assess potholes, nor assign response times based on the dangers they pose.

These investigation levels vary considerably. Whilst 37 local highway authorities said they would investigate further when a pothole was between 20 and 30mm deep, 26 others said the depth had to be at least 50mm or more.

Steve Gooding, director of the RAC Foundation, said: "It is good to see that the vast majority of local highway authorities are adopting the best practice 'risk-based' approach recommended by the UK Roads Liaison Group. The total number of potholes being filled in might still be limited by a shortage of funding, but this approach at least means those that are most dangerous are fixed first.

"It is understandable that large rural authorities set themselves longer response times, simply as a result of having to travel further to effect repairs, but motorists might still be surprised to see such a wide variation across the country.

"And those particularly vulnerable to potholes - cyclists and motorcyclists - might ask whether the speed of pothole investigation should be based solely on the risk to users."

Yasmin lands college student governor role

A FORMER Ormskirk St Bede's Catholic High School pupil has been appointed a student governor at Winstanley College.

Yasmin Duffy, who is currently studying A-level chemistry, biology and maths at the sixth form college with a view to pursuing a career in neurosurgery, was elected to the board of governors by fellow students.

She said: "Being a student governor will provide me with a fantastic opportunity to get to know so many of our students and voice our opinions. I can't wait to get started."

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Council-run care homes awarded for customer service

Report by **Henry James**

STAFF at Lancashire County Council's care homes and day centres, some of which are located in the borough, have been recognised for the "excellent" level of customer service they provide.

The older people's services team, which runs 17 residential care homes and 13 day centres, has been accredited with the Customer Service Excellence standard following a recent inspection.

Customer Service Excellence is a nationally-recognised standard which was introduced by the government as a way to improve services.

This standard focuses on issues that research has proven are important to customers, such as service delivery, timeliness, staff attitude, professionalism and the quality of information provided.

County Councillor Graham Gooch, cabinet member for adult services, said: "I'm pleased our older people's services team has once again been recognised for the excellent levels of service it provides.

"Staff provide invaluable support to people who live in our care homes and for people who need daytime support at our day centres.

"They work tirelessly day in, day out, and as well as providing support and care, they run a wide variety of activities which help improve people's quality of life.

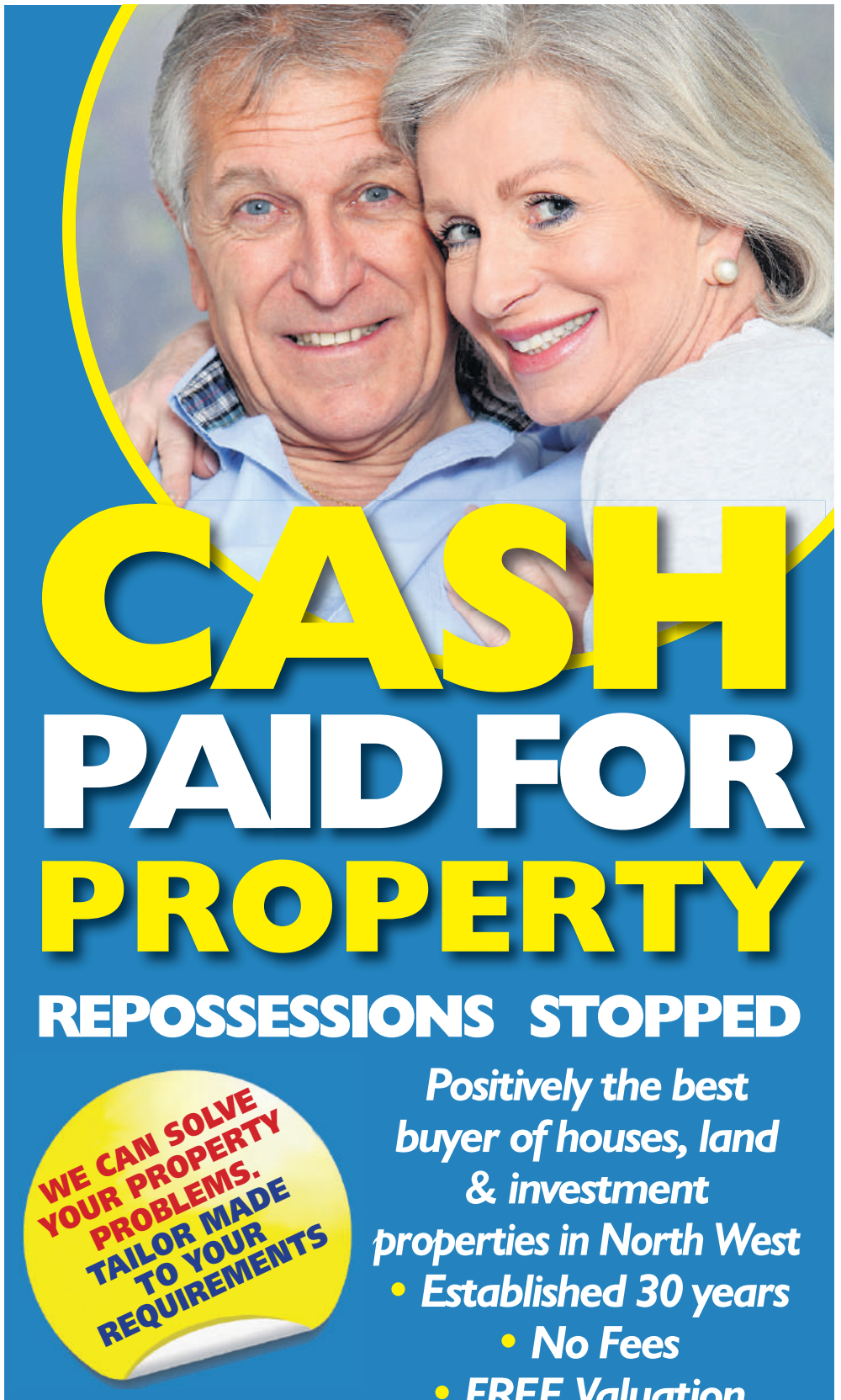
"Inspectors praised the comprehensive knowledge of our staff, exemplary employee training, good staff attitude and the provision of clear information through measures such as dementia friendly signage, menu boards and pain assessment charts following their assessment visit.

County Councillor Graham Gooch, cabinet member for adult services.

"This is very reassuring for the hundreds of people who already use our day centres and care homes and their families, and anyone else who may be considering using our services.

"Well done to everyone at our older people's service on achieving the Customer Service Excellence standard."

The Lancashire County Council runs residential homes and day centres in each district of Lancashire.



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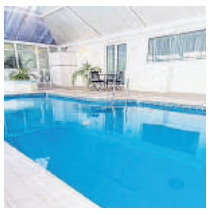

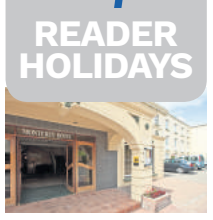

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Chiaroscuro Quartet in rehearsal at Parbold Douglas Music for last week's performance at the Village Hall.

Quartet bring world tour to village hall

Interview by **Henry James**

WEEKS before Chiaroscuro Quartet were to perform at the iconic Carnegie Hall in New York, they played at Parbold Village Hall.

The classical quartet performed pieces by Beethoven, Mendelssohn, and Schubert in the auditorium in the Village Hall on Saturday, January 26.

The group comprises violinists Alina Ibragimova and Pablo Hernán Benedí (Spain), the Swedish violist Emilie Hörnlund and cellist Claire Thirion from France.

Alina, who had played at Parbold before, was very positive about the venue and said before their West Lancashire concert: "The audience is always very warm and friendly.

"I think they are regular concert goers. They really know what they are listening to. They know the programme.

"It is always special to be in an intimate setting. The music that we are playing would have been likely to have been played for this number of people. This venue is more direct and special and you feel you are connecting with the audience. It works really well as a venue and it is obviously popular. We have been incredibly well looked after too."

The group formed in 2005 and Claire commented: "We started at the Royal College of Music in London. We were all studying there and they were putting together a concert of Mozart's music in 2005. They wanted to get a classical string quartet together and they suggested to us to play for the first part of the concert. It was an amazing experience. Afterwards we decided to keep going."

Emilie gave an insight into their music, which has been described as 'a shock to the ears of the best kind.' She commented: "We aim to create a sense of dialogue in our music. Rather than trying to be authentic, we try and find sounds that we like and hopefully other people will like it too."

Chiaroscuro Quartet are on a global tour and will be performing in countries such as Japan, China, Spain and America. Pablo gave some insight into life on the road: "We have fun and talk about random things. We keep each other entertained. We keep ourselves busy by telling stories to each other."

Director 'deserves medals' for his work on production

Review by **Ron Ellis**

How The Other Half Loves by Alan Ayckbourn
Southport Dramatic Club
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THE Seventies was the classic period for saucy plays about misbehaving married couples, with Alan Ayckbourn one of its most prolific and successful protagonists, and How the Other Half Loves is probably the outstanding example of the genre.

It is an immensely complicated play to produce and director Mike Yates deserves medals for getting the cast through it so smoothly, with such split-second timing that the audience were able to follow events without getting totally lost.

Ted Bullen gave his usual outstanding performance as the bumbling Frank Foster whose wife, Fiona (Sandra Unsworth), is secretly having it away with Bob Phillips (Tony O'Keefe), one of his employees.

When Frank confronts Fiona about her late return home in the early hours, she pretends she has been comforting Mary Featherstone (Alice Burns), who, she says, is worried that her husband, William (Kyle Harrison-Pope), is having an affair. William is another of Frank's employees.

Meanwhile, Bob's wife, Teresa (Ceri Watkins), is questioning Bob about HIS early morning homecoming too. Bob tells her he has been out consoling William Featherstone who believes his wife is having an affair!

A scene from How the Other Half Loves. Picture by Fletcherhill photography

Of course, neither of the Featherstones know about this so when they are suddenly invited for dinner at the Fosters one night and the Phillips's the next, chaos begins.

In 1969, this would be good comedy material but it is half a century since this play was written and society's difference in attitudes to such behaviour is vastly different.

In 2019, assignations by landline phones are as dated as tablets of stone in the age of smartphones. Bob is no longer a 'bit of a lad' but a misogynist bully. William is not a protective husband but a control freak. Affairs are not fun but acts of betrayal.

All this is crystallized by Mary finally turning on her dominant husband. Alan Ayckbourn planting the early seeds for the future #MeToo movement.

Notwithstanding this, there are still plenty of laughs to be had and this was a commendable professional performance but this is a play that belongs to another age.

Star rating 7 out of 10. Fun but out of its time.

Film festival among plans at Chapel gallery

A FILM festival is being developed as part of a varied programme of events, exhibitions and activities for 2019 at Chapel Gallery, West Lancs council which owns the gallery has said.

The authority is also providing opportunities for local artists and craft workers to display and sell their work.

Plans for the film festival are still being finalised and more details are promised in due course.

In the meantime, however, the gallery will host The Loop Effect, its first digital exhibition, which has been funded through Arts Council England as part of its recent refurbishment programme. Curated by Alex Jukes from Edge Hill University it includes the work of four artists and explores the process used in digital animation. This interactive exhibition runs from Saturday January 26 to Saturday May 4, and also offers young people aged 13–18 the opportunity to book for free workshops, which include light painting and game play.

Running alongside these is the show Still by Bill Bulloch, a collection of photographs and poetry from the Scottish Highlands, which runs until Saturday March 16.

The gallery's current Opening the Gates exhibition has been extended until Saturday March 2. This highlights the role of women in World War One and now includes the new Threads From Her Past artwork, comprising three garments created by artist Julie James Turner working with individuals from Learning Stars.

Learning Stars is a group of people with learning disabilities that meets weekly at venues in Skelmersdale, Ormskirk and Southport.

'Opening the gates' by Gill Smith

The council says there are many new opportunities for artists to show and sell their workwith a Makers Market and chances to exhibit. Local artists and art groups can contact the gallery on 01695 571328 or email chapel.gallery@westlancs.gov.uk to find out more.

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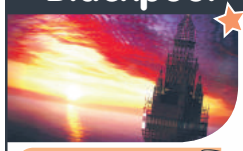

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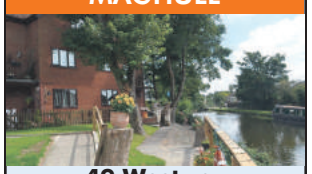

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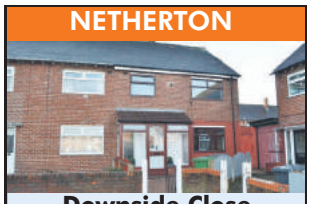

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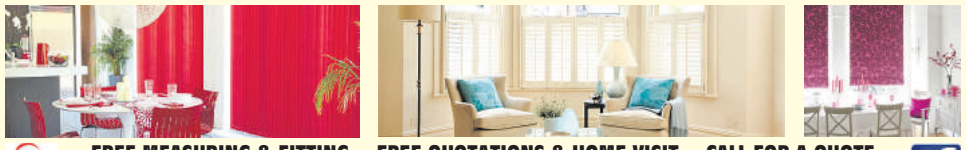

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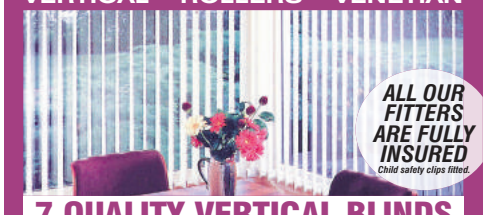

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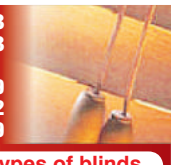

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JONES RUTH

The family would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the messages of condolence, sympathy cards and generous donations for Emmanuel Church Refurbishment Fund, received during their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the staff at Alsley Lodge Care Home, for all their kindness and care, Rev. Sue Guenault for her kind ministrations and support, and Lisa Hunter and team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for the dignified Funeral arrangements.

TYRER DAVID JOHN

Elva would like to express her most sincere thanks and appreciation to all her friends and neighbours for the kindness, care and support received during her recent sad loss. Heartfelt thanks to Bev for being a tower of strength, and to Phil for the beautiful Eulogy he gave. Grateful thanks to Rev Rebecca Clark for her kind ministrations, and a Special thanks to Sally Hunter and her team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors her the continued help and support and dignified Funeral arrangements.

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BRANDON SUSAN (SUE)

29th January 2018

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STEPHENS ALAN

18th January 2019
Peacefully at home in Crosby, aged 82 years

Adored Husband of Bette, much loved Father to Richard and Daughter-in-law Maria, loving Grandad to Jenna and Papa to Abigail, Leoni and Loraya. Much loved Brother of Ronnie and wife Liz, Sister Joan, Nephews and Nieces David, Barbara and Lesley. Service and Cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Thursday 31st January 2019 at 2.40pm. No flowers please but if desired donations to Macmillan Nurses c/o H.Leslie Humphreys, 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE. Tel 0151 9244805.

WEIGHTMAN FLORENCE (FLO)

23rd January 2019
Peacefully in hospital aged 81 years

Loving Wife of Reg. Devoted Mum of Reggie, Gary, David, Colin and Jackie. Dear Mother in law, cherished Nan and Great Nan of all her Grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Tuesday 5th February at 1.45pm. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel:01695 559868

LONGBOTTOM PAULINE ELIZABETH

Passed away peacefully on Sunday 27th January 2019
Aged 83 years

Wife of Keith, Mum to Karen, Alison and Stephen, Grandma to Philip and Michael, Mother-in-law to Henry, John and Zareena. Donations are being gratefully received for parkinsons.org.uk

For funeral arrangements and any further enquiries please contact: Louis Hunter, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancashire, L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888.

HIBLE RITA

22nd January 2019
aged 81 years
Peacefully after a long illness

Dearly loved Wife of Frank. Loving Mum to Jeff and Sandra, and Mother-in-law to Karen and Dave. Grandmother to 5 Granchildren and Great Grandmother to 3 Grandchildren. Funeral service to be held on Thursday 31st January 2019 at 11.30am at West Lancashire Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Alzheimers Society. Enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors 128b Burscough St, Ormskirk, L39 2BY Tel:01695 572997

HOMSON JOSEPH

25th January 2019
Peacefully in hospital aged 71 years of Skelmersdale

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SWETTENHAM TERRY

Passed away at Queenscourt Hospice 23rd January 2019
aged 72 years of Ormskirk

Committal Service is at West Lancs Crematorium on Friday 1st February 2019 at 9.30am, followed by a Thanksgiving Service at Leyland Road Methodist Church, Southport, on Friday at 10.30am. Family flowers only please by request but donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice.

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ARNOLD MARY KATHLEEN (NEE TYRER)

January 23rd 2019
Died peacefully surrounded by her family at home in Sunnyfields aged 76 years

Beloved wife of Ken, dearly loved mum of Kate, Johnny and David, Karen and Catherine, and very special, treasured nan and nannie of Jack, Andrew and Hannah. Much loved and very sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral will take place at Ormskirk Parish Church on Monday 4th February 2019 at 10.30am. Family flowers only with donations being gratefully received for North West Cancer Research. Further enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale & Ormskirk Tel: 01695 722122/720012

JENKINS FRANK

On 14th January 2019
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Aged 95 years

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GOLDSTRAW JOAN

Passed away peacefully at home, 22nd January 2019 aged 87 years, of Halsall, formerly of Southport.

Dearly loved Wife of the late Paul, much loved Mum of Neil, Ian and David, dear Mother-in-law of Anthea, Sue and Anne. Loving Grandma and Great-Grandma to all her Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren. Loved and Missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service and Interment at St. Cuthbert's Church, Halsall on Friday 1st February at 11.00am. Family flowers only please but donations if so desired for St. Cuthbert's Church Halsall.

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GREENALL JACK

After a short illness peacefully on 22nd January 2019 aged 88 years

Much loved Husband of the late Barbara Much loved Dad of Jacqueline, Julie and Graham. Loving Grandad of Craig, James, Christopher, Darren, Nicola and Stephanie. Jack will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and all who knew him. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 1st February 2019 at 4pm. Family flowers only please, but donations are being gratefully received by the family for Ataxia UK. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel: 01704 897770.

OLLERTON EDWIN (EDDY)

Suddenly at home 20th January 2019 aged 75 years

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Passed away peacefully at Southport Hospital after a long illness 20th January 2019

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HAGUE PETER

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Pool Hey Lane, Scarisbrick from its junction with A570 Southport Road to its junction with Wyke Lane.
2. The prohibition will be operative daily from 2100 hours until 0600 hours on Monday 11th February 2019 until Monday 18th February 2019, or until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Pool Hey Lane – Wyke Lane – Wyke Cop Road – A570 Southport Road – Pool Hey Lane and vice versa.

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APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2018/1355/FUL Division of existing dwelling house into 3 separate dwellings at The Smithy, Maltkiln Lane, Bispham.
The application affects a Conservation Area.

2019/0021/FUL Rear extensions at first and second floor levels to create additional office space at 8 - 10 Church Street, Ormskirk.
The application affects a Conservation Area.
The application affects a Listed Building.

2019/0030/FUL Siting of a static caravan for residential use for a period of 5 years at Johnsons Farm, Johnsons Meanygate, Tarleton.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

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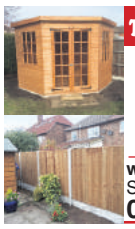
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IF YOU'RE reading this in *The Champion* – as opposed to having it beamed into your eyes by a laptop or smartphone – then you're already way ahead of me.

There is still a sizable constituency of normal people who like doing things the old-fashioned way, and that includes getting your weekly motoring fix through a proper, printed newspaper.

There are plenty of us who still prefer to ring people up rather than WhatsApping them, bemoan the fact that Tesco is trying to ditch its deli counters and were quite happy with just the four channels on their analogue TVs (I suspect there are still a few poor souls out there still trying to tune into Channel 5, even now).

I know this because at the last count, when it comes to Europe-wide sales that include both Vauxhall and its continental Opel cousin, the Astra still comfortably outsold the Mokka. Which, on the face of it, shouldn't really make sense.

The Mokka X, to give it its full name, is Vauxhall swiping right at just about every Millennial would-be buyer it finds – it's a petite crossover with the same sort of cutesy styling that makes the Corsa such a big hit with younger drivers, it's easy to park and get in and out of, and it has the sort of high driving position and bags of interior space that make its Juke and Captur counterparts such big sellers. The Astra, on the other hand, is the seventh generation of a sensible family hatchback that's been around since The Jam's *Going Underground* was top of the charts. Your dad probably had an Astra. And your granddad too, for that matter.

But having spent a couple of days driving around in both it's not hard to suss why more of you are still driving around in Astras. It's a better car.

I know that, yes, technically the bigger and newer Grandland X is the closer relative to the Astra, but it's also more expensive – whereas the Astra and Mokka I drove both had turbocharged 1.4-litre petrol engines, similar equipment levels and cost a shade under £22,000.

The Mokka X is the more 2019-relevant of the two, but the Astra has a bigger boot, a smoother ride, better composure through the corners and is *much* nicer to drive. It's also easier to see out of – Vauxhall evidently listened to everyone who moaned about the enormous A-pillars on the outgoing Astra – and, for what's supposed to be a dowdy old five-door hatch, it's still rather easy on the eye.

I know that crossovers are meant to be the future but I reckon you ignore the good, old-fashioned Astra at your peril. I'm sure it'll still be around in another 39 years' time.

As will *The Champion*, of course…

David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly

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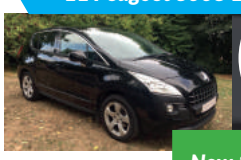

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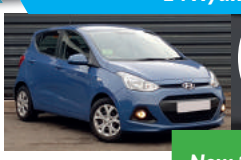

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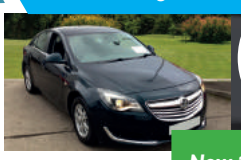

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64 Renault Clio 1.2 Expression + 5 Dr

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62 VW Golf 1.2 5 Dr

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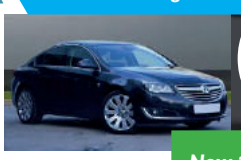

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15 Ford Fiesta 1.2 Zetec 5 Dr

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14 Ford Focus 1.0 Zetec Nav 5 Dr

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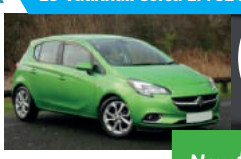

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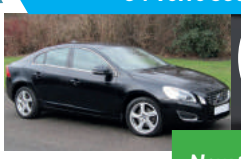

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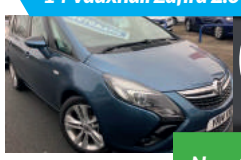

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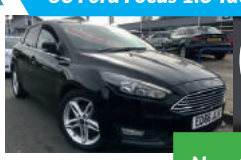

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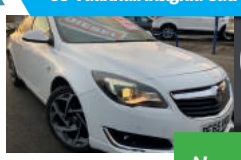

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65 Vauxhall Moka 1.6 Se 5 Dr

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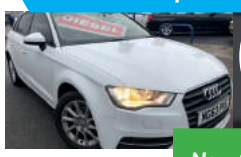

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09 Mitsubishi Shogun 3.0 D Diamond Lwb Auto,

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66 Vauxhall Astra 1.6 Cdti Sri 5 Dr

£49 Per Week

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15 VW Passat 1.6 Tdi Se Business Edt 4 Dr

£49 Per Week

Was £11695 Now £10995

16 Ford Focus 1.6 Tdci Zetec S 5 Dr

Specification;
- 1 Owner
- Priv Glass
- Alloys

Was £12495 Now £11995

64 Ford S Max 2.0 Tdci Titanium Auto

Specification;
- 7 Seater
- Bluetooth
- 53000 Miles

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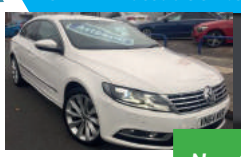
64 VW Passat CC 2.0 Tdi Gt Auto



Specification;
- Leather
- Sat Nav
- Priv Glass

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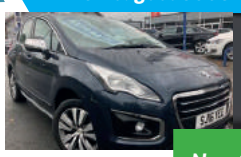

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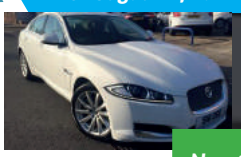

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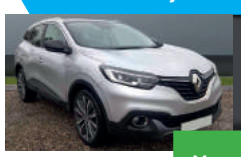

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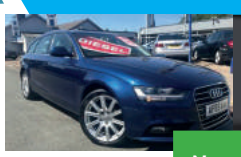

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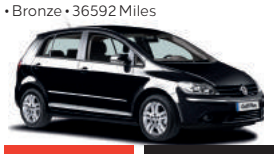

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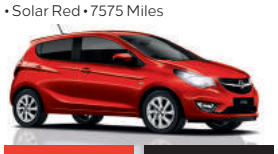

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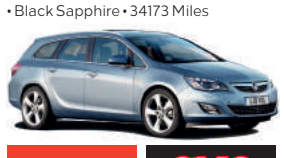

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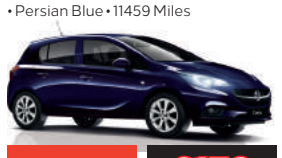

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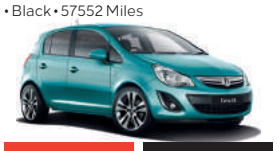

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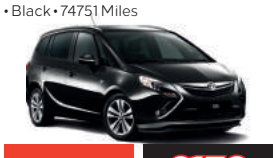

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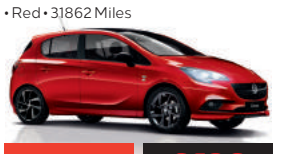

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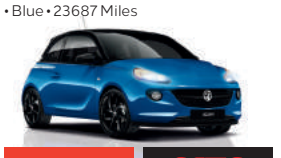

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Josh Nicholson

Hat-trick from former player Nicholson finealy ends Burscough's unbeaten run

Burscough 2
Ashton Athletic 4

BURSCOUGH'S ten-game unbeaten run in the league was ended thanks to a hat-trick from former forward Josh Nicholson.

The Linnets hadn't lost a league game since November, 17 which was a total of ten games, which included a 2-1 victory at Ashton.

The instigator of the defeat was a former Burscough and Skelmersdale United player Josh Nicholson who fired home a hat-trick at Victoria Park to send the three points to Ashton in Makerfield.

Burscough welcomed Danny Brady back after a groin injury and winger Terry Cummings was back to full fitness.

The visitors grabbed the initiative from an early stage and Nicholson struck his first goal after just six minutes.

Burscough were defending well and relying on the counterattack for their hope of an equaliser, and just before half-time they did just that, Cummings finding the net.

Nicholson got his second to restore the Ashton advantage on 54 minutes, but again Burscough fought back and central defender Luke Gibson netted his second goal of the season to make it 2-2.

Two goals in two minutes finally finished off the Burscough challenge and Nicholson completed his hat-trick on 79 minutes with a cracking goal.

Ashton's final blow came via a free-kick from about 22 yards, nine minutes from full-time, Matt Reid's initial attempt hit the Linnets defensive wall and bounced straight back to him, Reid firing the rebound low just inside the Mart Lane End goal post.

The defeat drops Burscough down to ninth position in the league table where they have 40 points from 27 matches.

They are 18 points away from relegation danger, so have nothing to worry about from that perspective.

Skem endure thrashing at in-form Ramsbottom

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

Ramsbottom United 6
Skelmersdale United 0

SKELMERSDALE endured a miserable afternoon when they were thrashed 6-0 by the league's in-form side.

Skelmersdale United manager Paul McNally made four changes to his team for the trip to east Lancashire on Saturday for a game that sadly proved as difficult as it threatened to be beforehand.

"Rammy" are one of the form in Evo-Stik Division One West at the moment and have reached the last 16 of the FA Trophy.

They showed no mercy to lowly Skem, and it was just as well from a Skelmersdale perspective that this wasn't one of the games they seriously hoped to win if they are to avoid relegation.

The game went against Skelmersdale from the eighth minute, Eddie Moran and Jamie Rainford combined well, the latter putting a well weighted ball through to Nic Evangelinos who confronted by debutant Skem goalkeeper Ryan Kirkman directed the ball past the keeper into the net.

Soon afterwards Skelmersdale had a great chance, Connor Belger swung in a corner from the right and rising above everybody in the six yard box, former Liverpool striker Henoc Mukendi headed over the home crossbar from about four yards in a central position.

Despite the goal it still looked pretty promising for Skelmersdale but just after the quarter-hour they shot themselves in the foot. From just inside his own half of the field Belger played a back pass along the touchline, however, the ball went straight to Rainford.

He cut in from the left and with the Skem defence on the retreat, he hit a low shot from 15 yards that went in the bottom corner to make it 2-0.

It was end to end for a while, Iyrah Gooden cut in from the right and hit the outside of the Skem post, while at the Railway End, home goalkeeper Sam Ashton made a reaction near post save from Davy Moore, further Ashton saved from Belger and Kirkman saved from Gooden.

Seven minutes before half-time Skelmersdale were denied by another reaction save from Ashton, his right hand reaching out to push away a goal bound Belger shot from 15 yards.

The balance of play no way at this stage suggested that the final score would not be so convincing and just before half-time Ramsbottom could count themselves lucky not to have been reduced to ten men when Kelvin Lugsden made a poor touch and in an attempt to win the ball back his challenge on Moore was high but he only got a yellow card.

Skem's Connor Belger shoots at goal. Picture by John Driscoll

Although Skem were two goals down at the interval based on the last 20 minutes of the opening half, they could look forward to the second-half with positivity.

That hope though was extinguished within eight minutes of the restart.

In the 48th minute Skelmersdale conceded.

Picking the ball up midway in the Ramsbottom half Gooden set off on a run down the left, weaving his way past four Skelmersdale players on route to the penalty area, where he leant back and angled the ball into the far side of the net to make it 3-0.

When Gooden was put into the clear on 53 minutes he was tripped by Skem keeper Kirkman and a penalty was awarded, up stepped Evangelinos and after a row with Rainford over the penalty taker sent keeper Kirkman the wrong way from the spot.

At 4-0 it was all over for Skem, they had produced some good approach play and could have turned around at the interval on level terms, but when you have only scored 18 goals in 25 league games, clawing back four goals was an impossible ask.

Skelmersdale deserve credit because they fought on well, Ashton making a couple of excellent saves to keep out Belger and Danny McLoughlin, while Ramsbottom brought former Skem striker Richard Brodie on as substitute with 17 minutes remaining.

In the latter stages Ramsbottom finished strongly and another former Skem player Tony Donaldson was thwarted by a good save from Kirkman.

On 80 minutes Rammy got a fifth goal, Rainford scoring after he was set up by an exchange of passes with Ruben Jerome, then as the final whistle was awaited Jerome broke clear and made it six.

The margin flattered Ramsbottom, as on the weight of possession they certainly weren't that far ahead of Skem, but they are an experienced side and made that tell when it counted.

Battle at the bottom hots up as fellow strugglers Clitheroe await

SKELMERSDALE United are now eight points from safety in Evo-Stik Division One West with 13 games left until the end of the season.

More than likely, they will need around 25 or 26 points if they are to save themselves, so will need 18 points to achieve that mark.

There is hope for Skelmersdale as they have five home games that are very much winnable, the first of which is on Saturday at home to Clitheroe.

The Ribble Valley club are only three places and 11 points ahead of Skem and only seven points ahead of second to bottom Kendal Town, so the match is crucial to them too.

Clitheroe lost 3-2 at home to Widnes on Saturday, with ironically all the Widnes goals coming from former Skem forwards, their away record is pretty good too, having won three, drawn four and lost six on the road.

Up front they have a player that will be of interest Skelmersdale fans, ex-striker Max Hazeldine, who scored both goals for Clitheroe against Widnes.

It is known that Skelmersdale will be without central defender Michael White who is serving the second game of a three match suspension.

On the plus point for Skelmersdale it is expected that George Donnelly might well be available, his strength would make a difference up front. Skelmersdale generally played well at Ramsbottom on Saturday and only a slight improvement puts them well in contention, especially if they can start scoring a few goals.

Burscough are in a bizarre situation after Saturday when the Linnets entertain Barnoldswick Town at Victoria Park.

The North West Counties League have scheduled only one game for the rest of February against Northwich Victoria on Saturday, February 23.

Then, just to exacerbate the situation, they repeat the act by not giving them a game again until Saturday, March 9 when they are away to 1874 Northwich, giving them just one game in a five week period and no home game for 42 days.

On Saturday Terry Green's side will be trying to begin another unbeaten run as last week's defeat by Ashton Athletic ended an unbeaten run of ten games.

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